

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the amendments set forth above and the remarks below.

Claims 13-23 are pending in the application.

The Examiner issued a Restriction Requirement having a Notification Date of November 18, 2009. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesy extended to the undersigned in a telephone made to the Examiner to discuss the Restriction Requirement received after previous Office Actions. The Examiner indicated that claim 13 would be allowable if amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 15. The Examiner also indicated that claim 18 would be allowable if amended to have a scope commensurate with claim 13. Applicant herein amends claim 13 and claim 18 accordingly. Claims 14, 15, and 19 are herein canceled with the subject matter incorporated into the respective independent claim.

In view of the above, Applicant believes that claims 13, 16-18, and 20-23 are in condition for allowance for which a notice thereof is respectfully requested.

In the event the Examiner does not consider this submission to place the application in condition for allowance, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned.

The Examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigning attorney if there are any questions regarding this Amendment or this application.

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500845, including but not limited to, any charges for extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136.

Respectfully submitted,

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